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	Title:	"DEVICES AND METHODS FOR REPAIRING CARDIAC VALVES"

Sir:

Applicant and the undersigned attorney wish to thank the Examiner for granting the telephone interview on March 11, 2008.

During the interview claims 1 and 6 were discussed as were the references to Dardik et al. and Saxon. Applicants attorney pointed out that certain language within claim 1 such as the language indicating that the device included a "structure defining a stable coaptation surface against which an opposing leaflet reversibly coapts" was not present within the cited art. Further, the undersigned attorney pointed out that Saxon does not disclose a valve, heart valve or any type of heart valve repair. While Dardik et al. refers to the umbilical cord material being used to cover a heart valve it does not describe applicants' structure which is used in repairing a heart valve – it does not teach toward a "structure defining a stable coaptation surface against which an opposing leaflet reversibly coapts".

The Examiner did not agree to the allowability of subject matter. However, the Examiner indicated the possibility of allowing claim 1 to be amended to incorporate limitations such as those contained within dependent claim 6 and consider the possibility of allowing such a claim depending on what was shown in the prior art.

The Examiner also indicated that he believed the invention might be better described within method claims such as those directed to a method of repairing a cardiac valve.

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